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## EXCELLENT DISTINCTION FOR A STUDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

*He secured the Capstone Award from FHI 360 for the  
"Speak Peace" Social Entrepreneurship idea*



Another great success for a student of our School, who won a very important award! Specifically, Andreas Antonopoulos, a third-year student of the Department of Economics, secured the Capstone Award with a cash prize from FHI 360 based in North Carolina, USA, for the social entrepreneurship idea "Speak Peace", in collaboration with Damiano Campini, student of Mathematics at the University of Turin.

Andreas Antonopoulos had the opportunity to present the concept of social entrepreneurship in a speech at the annual Patras IQ exhibition, took place between April 27-29 at Patras National Stadium "Dimitrios Tofalos", during his participation in the Erasmus + mobility program, visiting the Athens University of Economics and Business.

The awarding body is FHI 360 company, based in North Carolina, USA. The company aims at human progress and supports business, academic and other actions related to the environment, economic development,

education, youth, technology, research. The award is a money prize, aims to promote the development of ideas for a social enterprise by representatives of each country who have received a scholarship through the "Study of the U.S. Institutes for European Student Leaders" sponsored by the "US Department of States once the year. The money is given to cover the costs of a social enterprise or to enrich the knowledge of the creators of such an idea by attending seminars, programs, etc.

"Speak Peace" is an idea for a social enterprise based in Cyprus. This is a translation center aimed at employing young people between the ages of 18-25, mainly immigrants who fluently speak the Greek language and the language of the country of origin of one or both parents in oral and written form. Through this form of employment, they can achieve a smooth integration into the society.

The Head of the Department of Economics of the University of Cyprus, Professor Sofronis Clerides, said that this distinction is great honor for the student and for the University of Cyprus, and highlights the excellent level of education received by the students of the Department, as well as the opportunities and possibilities they are offered. *"Andreas is not only distinguished for his academic performance, but also for his morality and principles of ethics,"* he concluded.